

## IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### Listing of Claims:

1 – 22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently amended) A method for data protection comprising:

accessing a file in a computer system;

capturing change information representing a change to the file; [[ and]]  
*check, verify, confirm, acknowledge*  
sending a validation request to validate the change to the file; and

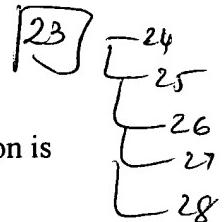
transmitting the change information through a network, wherein the transmission is initiated substantially concurrently with a time the change to the file occurs, if the change to the file is validated.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the change is a write operation.

25. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the change is a file operation.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the file is accessed by an application program.

27. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the change information is transmitted to a second computer.



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28. (Previously presented) The method of claim 23 wherein the change information is transmitted to a remote computer.

29. (Currently amended) A system for data protection comprising:

a processor configured to access a file in a computer system; capture change information representing a change to the file; send a validation request to validate the change to the file; and transmit the change information through a network, wherein the transmission is performed substantially concurrently with the time the change to the file occurs, if the change to the file is validated; and

a memory coupled with the processor, wherein the memory is configured to provide the processor with instructions.

30 (Currently amended) A method for data protection comprising:

providing a first file;

receiving change information representing a change to a second file, wherein the change information is transmitted through a network, and wherein the transmission is initiated substantially concurrently with a time the change to the file occurs[[.]]; and

sending a validation request to validate the change to the second file; and

updating the first file with the change information, if the change to the second file is validated.